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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGUI 1520

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: CASC, CT, US  
SUBJ: DETENTION OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS

REF: BANGUI 1511

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TOLD CHARGE JULY 20  
THAT THE MATTER OF THE JOURNALISTS WAS BEING HANDLED AT HIGHEST  
LEVEL OF  
GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS IT.  
WHEN CHARGE PRESSED FOR A COMMENT ON THE CONDITION OF THE JOUR-  
NALISTS AND MENTIONED THE RUMOR OF BEATINGS  
THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
SAID THAT, WHILE HE COULD NOT COMMENT OFFICIALLY IF WAS CLEAR THAT  
SUCH ACTION WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF HIS GOVERNMENT GIVEN  
THE PROXIMITY OF  
THE CORONATION. HE LATER ADDED THAT THE CHARGE  
WOULD DO WELL TO CAST DOUBT ON SUCH RUMORS

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT AN AFRICAN JOURNALIST WORKING FOR JEUNE  
AFRIQUE WHO ARRIVED OVER THE WEEKEND HAS BEEN DETAINED BY THE  
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POLICE. WHILE WE HAVE NO WAY OF CHECKING THIS REPORT, IT APPEARS  
UNLIKELY THAT IT IS A GARBLED VERSION OF THE DETENTION OF THE AP  
AND WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENTS.  
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